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Frederick County Health Department

# ***Public Health Alert***

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## **Man Bitten by Unknown Dog at Othello Park in Jefferson, MD on Sunday, January 2, 2022, Frederick, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Dog.**

A man was bitten by a dog on Sunday, January 2, 2022, around 9:00 AM at Othello Park in Jefferson, MD. The bite occurred when the dog tugged its leash out of its owner's hand and then knocked the victim down and bit him. The dog is described as a black, female Pit Bull type dog. The owner was a dark haired, Caucasian Woman about five feet tall. The dog owner may have been driving a silver sedan (Nissan Sentra type). No contact information was exchanged between the victim and dog's owner.

Contact is needed to confirm the dog's health and whereabouts. The dog will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is confirmed to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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